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REMARKS

Appellants provide the present Amendment Responsive to the Decision on Appeal mailed June 5, 2008. Dependent Claims 8, 9, 33, 34, 55 and 56 are identified as including allowable subject matter as stated in the Decision on Appeal. Accordingly, Appellants have amended each of Claims 8 and 9 to include recitations of independent Claim 1 and intervening dependent Claims 3, 4 and 7, Claims 33 and 34 to include recitations of independent Claim 26 and intervening dependent Claims 28, 29 and 32, and Claims 55 and 56 to include recitations of independent Claim 48 and intervening dependent Claims 50, 51 and 54. Claims 1 – 4, 7, 10 – 29, 32, 35 – 51, 54, and 57 - 69 are canceled. Dependent Claims 5, 6, 30, 31, 52, and 53 have been amended to correct their dependencies due to the cancellation of the independent claims from which they formerly depended. New Claims 70 - 75 have been added that correspond to dependent Claims 5, 6, 30, 31, 52, and 53 and each one of these claims depends from one of the allowable dependent Claims 9, 34, and 56, which have been rewritten into independent form.

Appellants request entry of the present Amendment and submit that no new issues are raised as Appellants have only rewritten allowable Claims 8, 9, 33, 34, 55 and 56 into independent form and added new claims that depend therefrom. Appellants respectfully submit that all pending claims in the present application are in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone should any additional issues need to be addressed.

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